



**Kingston Conservation Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Kingston City Hall, Date: September 13, 2016
6:30-8:30pm**

Council Members Elizabeth Broad (excused), Lorraine Farina, Emilie Hauser (Vice-Chair), Lynn Johnson, Kevin McEvoy (Secretary), Julie Noble (Chair), Casey Schwarz

Guests:, Abigail Robin, Tom Tiano and Joe Safford (Bldg Safety Division), Marianne Mills (Council Member 7th Ward), Gloria Waslyn

- I. Welcome Guests and Public Comment** 6:33PM Abigail Robin discussed the large footprint of ICC on the property
- II. Review and Approval August 2016 Meeting Minutes** Upon motion made by Lynn and seconded by Casey, the July 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended were unanimously approved by the council.
- III. Old Business**
 - 1. Wood Burning/Air Quality: Special Guests:** Tom Tiano and Joe Safford from the Building Safety Division were present. Tom explained procedures on wood smoke calls indicating that when a call goes to Fire Dept they will respond if it is an excessive smoke call (possible fire) or alternately if the call comes after hours when Bldg Safety is closed. If Bldg Safety gets the call during business hours they will assign an inspector. CAC asked for clarification as to follow-up protocol: Is the Building Dept. notified when the FD receives a night complaint? Julie asked if the City might need to have “call-outs” in place for such situations, as Dan Gartenstein had recommended that the Building Department document complaints of air pollution code violations. Kingston Code Section 135 was reviewed with respect to enforcement and how it differs from NYS DEC Section 211 (Official Compilation Of Codes, Rules And Regulations Of The State Of New York, Title 6. Department Of Environmental Conservation, Chapter III. Air Resources, Subchapter A. Prevention And Control Of Air Contamination And Air Pollution, Part 211. General Prohibitions). Lorraine has had discussions with TSI, a company that manufactures devices that measure particulate matter which was recommended by Sander Bonvell, environmental testing expert. Joe indicated that staff would have to be properly trained in the use of such a device and the device would have to be properly calibrated. Lorraine indicated that the TSI device recommended by Mr. Bonvell can be calibrated daily but needs a full calibration annually and is based on particulate matter. Joe discussed time frame for measuring with the device which could be a 24 hour set up while Lorraine indicated device can also be programmed to measure one-minute, on-the-spot measurements, which is useful in residential, night time situations. Joe also discussed the possibility of instituting “burn bans” in Kingston during thermal inversion periods. Next step considerations include redefining the code, and quantifying the particulate matter by means of a metering device which would

result in a fee which could include a repeat offender provision. A provision to adopt NYS DEC Section 211 could be included to make the code consistent with the state. Lorraine is working on an air quality brochure limited to woodburning and solid fuels as part of a public educational process to be completed by fire prevention month which may have to be done before the next CAC meeting.

2. **Vessel Anchorage on Hudson River:** The Coast Guard has extended the comment period to December 6th, 2016 on vessel anchorages. The Kingston Council has sent a draft resolution on the matter back to its Public Safety Committee for further consideration. CAC members agreed as an action item to submit CAC comments to the Coast Guard.
3. **Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley CAC:** Revised Environmental EAF has been completed. As an action item CAC members will prepare draft comments for CAC review.
4. **NRI/Open Space Index:** A meeting with John Mickelson is tentatively scheduled for September 21, 4:30 to 6PM with Matt Akin, Krista Micelli, Julie, Emilie, Kevin & Kristen Wilson to attend.
5. **Zoning:** Kevin reviewed the zoning proposal from Pace Law School with the CAC wherein Pace could draft language for the new zoning regarding zoning matters that are within the purview of the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Kevin will follow up with Planning Dept., Kingston Land Trust and Jennifer Schwartz Berky (who is reviewing the urban agriculture portion of the CAP), as an action item.

IV. New Business

1. **CAC Budget:** By unanimous acclamation of the council members present, the council approved that a \$500 budget to be included in Economic Development for the coming fiscal year.

V. Announcements/Communications/Events

1. **Sustainable Saturday: Sept 17th, UC Office Bldg:** Betta Broad, Alanna Henneberry (UC Dept of the Environment), Julie on behalf of the CAC, CSK Parks & Recreation, Emilie and the League of Women Voters and numerous community groups will participate on September 17th, 2016; An energy audit event will be held immediately thereafter at 4PM at the Kirkland Hotel.
2. **Hudson River Watershed Alliance:** Source Water Workshop, Sept 21st : Maureen Cunningham will be organizer of an event to be held at Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension from 9AM to 1PM on 9-21-16.
3. **Common Council:** Lorraine spoke at last Council meeting.
4. **Climate Adaptive Design (CAD):** Kevin will speak with the CAD Cornell students on 9-14-2016 concerning history of Island Dock, Block Park, the Brownfield Opportunity Area and Sea Level Rise.

VI. Reports/Updates

1. **Wood Burning/Air Quality Committee (*Lorraine Farina*):** See above under Old Business III.1.
2. **Kingston Sidewalk Task Force (*Lorraine Farina*)** Nest meeting to be held on October 6.
3. **Planning Board Liaison (*Casey Schwarz*):** ICC was on the agenda. No determination made.
4. **Public Safety Liaison (*Lynn Johnson*):** Recycling was discussed. Council members considered emphasize education regarding recycling including considering putting a notice on the blue recycling totes.

5. **Climate Smart Kingston (*Julie Noble*):** The renewable energy campaign working group of Climate Smart Kingston has met. Commissioner Mike D'Arcy reported on energy conservation audits and upgrades he has been working on primarily for RUPCO and renewable energy implementation. Zoning modifications resulting from the comprehensive plan also were discussed. Two Electric vehicles have been purchased; one for police and one for fire department. The Clean Energy Communities Program will be launched 9-28-16 likely in Newburgh.
6. **Ulster County Climate Smart Committee (*Betta Broad*):** No report this month. Julie will send a letter supporting Betta as municipal representative to the County committee as an action item.
7. **Ulster County Environmental Management Council Liaison (*Emilie Hauser*):** No meeting to report.
8. **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission (*Julie Noble*):** Julie provided a brief update.
9. **Sea Level Rise Implementation Learning Group (*Julie Noble*):** Consensus Building Institute & Scenic Hudson are now under contract to the municipalities and will be meeting with Kingston, Piermont, Catskill & Stony Point to implement recommendations. Kevin, Scott Harrington, Brenna Robinson, Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Steve Schabot and Julie will be representing Kingston. The Group will be meeting 4 times over 15 months. Venue is to be at Long Dock in Beacon.
10. **Climate Adaptive Design studio –Cornell U. with Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP); (*Julie Noble*)** The CAD group is coming to Kingston on 9-23. Julie will give them a tour of Island Dock with respect to their design project Island Dock and Block Park. Kevin is to speak separately with the CAD students with regards to the history of Island Dock and Block Park and the Riverport Brownfield Opportunity Area Report. They will also speak with Rob Iannucci, property owner of Island Dock. Gabrielle Weiss (Bard), Josh Cerra (Cornell) and Libby Zemaitis (HREP) and several students are working on the project.

VII. Adjournment: Upon motion made by Lynn and seconded by Casey, the Council members voted to adjourn the meeting at 9pm.

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